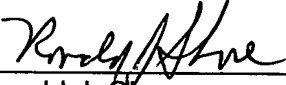


REMARKS

By the above amendments the specification has been amended to include reference to the related international application and the Switzerland application to which a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is made. Appropriate headings and an abstract have also been added to the specification and claims 1-9 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency. Thus, claims 1-9 as amended are in the application. An early action on the merits is requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 635.44669X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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